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REPORT

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 5, 1860,	\$131 04
Outstanding taxes for 1856,.....	11 67
“ “ 1857,.....	17 68
“ “ 1858,.....	32 07
“ “ 1859,.....	458 34
State, county, town and school tax,	5111 01
Non-resident tax,.....	91 87
Received Literary Fund.....	133 20
C. F. Bailey, circus,.....	30 00
Van Amburgh, menagerie,.....	30 00
Selectmen of Derry,.....	77 29
Railroad tax,.....	561 91
John H. Rowell, for lumber,.....	4 95
City of Concord, pauper,.....	22 22
County of Merrimack, county pauper.....	215 40
For use of town hall,.....	4 93
For liquor barrels sold,.....	18 50
Cash of M. M. Burbank, town agent,.....	52 60

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding Claims.

Paid Pike & Barnard,.....	\$20 25
Charles W. Terrell, engine-man,.....	2 50
S. B. Kelley, by vote of town,.....	18 75
Joseph M. Fellows, for town farm,.....	8 50
D. H. Clement, for board of Anna D. Sanborn,.	12 00
I. H. Fowler, town farm,.....	7 12
O. B. Davis, per order L. D. Stevens,.....	1 00
N. H. Sanborn, per order Henry Burley,.....	4 06
John H. Rowell, per bill,.....	7 50
Auditors bill, for 1859,.....	3 00
P. B. Cogswell, for printing reports,.....	14 00

Paid Oscar Cummings, school money Dist. No. 3,...	\$57 24
Jere. Green, for work on road,.....	3 75
Stephen Gerrish, for shingle,.....	2 50
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	\$162 17

Town Expenses.

Paid Rufus Merrill & Son, for book,.....	\$7 95
P. B. Cogswell, for printing,.....	17 00
N. M. Proctor, for engine,.....	5 20
I. H. Rowell, for engine and house,.....	5 50
C. & E. C. Stone, for oil, &c., for engine,.....	6 63
J. S. Jewell, for wood, &c,....	7 00
J. H. Cilley, taking care of clock and hall,.....	10 00
Engine company, No. 1,.....	82 71
Jonathan Levett, for collecting taxes, 1858,....	06
Moses French, for collecting taxes, 1859,.....	1 66
O. B. Davis, for collecting taxes, 1860,.....	59 85
S. E. Bickford, for services as town clerk, &c,..	11 51
Expenses and time to Northfield, on account of pauper,.....	3 50
Expense and time to Hill and Bristol, on account of pauper,.....	3 50
Expenses taking inventory,.....	5 00
For stationery and postage,.....	2 40
Time and expenses to West Andover,.....	3 50
Time and expenses to Concord, on account of pauper,.....	2 50
Time and expenses to New Hampton, on account of pauper,.....	3 50
Time and expenses to Derry, on account of pauper,.....	3 50
Time and expenses to Hill, on account of pauper,	1 00
Time and expenses to Northfield, on account of pauper,.....	1 00
Time and expenses to Sanbornton, on account of pauper,.....	2 75
Time and expenses to Concord, for Railroad tax,	1 58
Time and expenses to Concord, for county pauper,	4 50
J. S. Jewell, as Treasurer,.....	15 00
J. S. Jewell, board of Selectmen's horses, &c.,.	15 00
J. S. Jewell, services as Selectman,.....	53 00
Stephen Gerrish, services as Selectman,.....	45 00
Wallace Burleigh, services as Selectman,.....	35 00
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	\$572 24

Expense on Town House.

Paid Stephen Kenrick, per bill,.....	\$170 00
J. S. Jewell, per bill,.....	3 00
J. H. Cilley, for chests,.....	2 50
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	\$175 50

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Francis Shaw, for Sawyer bridge,.....	\$27 22
James L. Peabody, for lumber,	12 77
Osgood & Stewart, for shingle,.....	60 00
N. S. Morrison, for lumber for bridge,.....	11 04
T. P. Atherton, for labor on bridge,.....	2 25
Albert H. Fisher, for labor on bridge,.....	1 50
Hiram Shaw, for labor on bridge,.....	7 50
A. G. Morrison, for lumber for bridge,.....	10 02
Jeremiah Cross, for Cross bridge,.....	237 29
George G. Wadsworth, for timber and labor,....	12 50
Samuel Haynes, for work,.....	2 25
Jonathan Scribner, for shingling bridge, &c.,...	52 00
Hiram I. Morrill, for work on roads,.....	2 50
Freight for shingle,.....	6 75
Abel Morrill, for work on road,.....	14 05
J. S. Jewell, for work on bridge, &c.,.....	7 60
C. H. Clark, for work and lumber,.....	42 38
Davis & Bean, for oil for repairing bridge,....	7 19
Wm. F. Thompson, for repairing bridge,.....	2 70
Union store, Div. 740, for oil for repairing bridge,	3 38
Hiram Fifield, for lighting bridge,.....	12 00
W. W. Hancock, for roads,.....	10 00
James Jackman, for work,.....	1 00
Ira Greeley, for work,.....	1 00
Lyman Cheney, for Federal bridge,.....	72 00
James Colburn, for Republican bridge,.....	2 44
John H. Hunt, for road,.....	8 00
Horace Judkins, for lumber,.....	2 35
Jeremiah Green, for work,.....	2 00
Hiram Bennett, for breaking roads,.....	4 20
Walter Burley, for plank,.....	18 76
Jonathan Taylor, for road,.....	26 46
Samuel Bacon, for road,.....	2 60
John Collins, for bridges,.....	2 00
White & Richardson, for bridges,.....	5 49
Francis Shaw, for roads,.....	10 40

Paid Samuel Morse, for roads,.....	\$6 72
Charles Smith, for plank,.....	3 45
Charles Smith, for roads,.....	4 00
Sargent Bennett for roads,.....	16 07
Foss & Brown, for roads,.....	4 00
Stephen Kenrick, for repairing bridge,.....	5 00
A. D. Frost, for roads,.....	2 25

\$745 08

External Poor.

Paid S. W. Stone & Co., for robe,.....	\$2 17
J. Johnson, for Mrs. Bacheldor,.....	1 00
J. H. Cilley, " "	4 00
S. B. Kelley, " "	13 34
James Colburn, " "	1 71
J. T. & J. B. Wadleigh, for Priscilla Brown,....	2 21
Dr. Bishop, " "	11 25
C. W. Brown, " "	3 00
Morrill Dickerson, " "	7 16
Town of Hill, " "	1 50
D. H. Clemant, for board of Anna D. Sanborn,.,	34 00
David Haines, for Mary Shute and child,.....	60 29
J. Johnson, for J. B. Clay,.....	2 00
S. W. Stone, for Mrs. Shurbern,.....	2 12
Harrison Keniston, for Francis Keniston,.....	45 00
Dr. Rodgers, for Moses Ash family,.....	4 50
J. S. Jewell, for Mrs. Priscilla Brown,.....	2 00
John White, " " "	3 67
O. B. Davis, for traveller,.....	2 25
Davis & Bean, for J. B. Clay,.....	86
Davis & Bean, for Priscilla Brown.....	1 57
F. R. Quimby, for wood for Mrs. Shurbern,....	7 00
James Colburn, for J. B. Clay.....	70
J. Johnson, for Mrs. Priscilla Brown,.....	5 57
John Pettingill, for	16 00
J. H. Cilley, for Mrs. Shurbern,.....	4 00
H. W. Brockway, for medicine,.....	2 00
White & Richardson, for J. B. Clay,.....	2 10
White & Richardson, for Mrs. Shurbern,.....	1 70
Davis & Bean, for Peter Breyette,.....	1 00
J. Johnson, " " "	1 50
J. S. Jewell, " " "	4 17

\$251 34

County Paupers.

Paid Ebenezer Fellows, for board of Sally Gove,.....	\$52 00
L. M. Knight, for Cogswell family,.....	17 40
S. B. Kelley, “ “ 	9 50
John Colby, “ “ 	1 50
James Colburn, “ “ 	4 22
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	\$84 62

State and County Tax.

Paid State tax,.....	\$424 20
County tax,.....	1183 04
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	\$1607 24

School Tax for 1860.

Paid District No. 1,.....	\$167 06
“ “ 2,.....	105 12
“ “ 3,.....	443 81
“ “ 4,.....	84 12
“ “ 5,.....	106 93
“ “ 6,.....	71 90
“ “ 7,.....	21 77
“ “ 8,.....	68 73
“ “ 9,.....	73 79
“ “ 10,.....	410 00
“ “ 11,.....	56 29
“ “ 12,.....	38 07
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	\$1647 59

Poor Farm.

Paid John S. Pevier, for accounts,.....	\$27 67
Simeon R. Brown, for work,.....	9 31
J. W. Clement & Son, for wagon work,.....	67
Gust Walker, for lead pipe,.....	35 71
Freight bill, “ “ 	89
Samuel Benson, for plaining boards,.....	2 50
Insurance assessments,.....	2 39
John H. Rowell, for wash boiler,.....	1 50
David E. Brown, for work,.....	13 00
B. M. Prescott, for blacksmithing,.....	7 18
C. & E. C. Stone, for goods,.....	3 05
John S. Jewell,.....	11 25
L. M. Knight,.....	7 01

Paid Div. 740, for goods,.....	\$62 12
John Shaw, for shoe making,.....	2 88
D. Gilchrist, for goods,.....	5 27
D. Gilchrist & Co., for goods,.....	20 96
Davis & Bean, for goods,.....	59 17
Isaiah Johnson,.....	35 60
S. B. Kelley,.....	2 75
J. H. Cilley, for two coffins,	8 00
J. B. Wadleigh, for meat,.....	10 50
John White, for goods,.....	5 68
John S. Jewell, for cow,.....	35 00
James Colburn, for goods,.....	40 55
White & Richardson, for goods,.....	48 14
John S. Pevier, Overseer poor farm,.....	213 00
Stephen Kenrick, rye,.....	1 25
Shadrach Wadleigh, for horse,.....	40 00
S. Gerish, difference between horse,.....	50 00
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	\$763 10

Statement of Poor Farm 1860-61.

Inventory for 1860,.....	\$918 78
Sundry bills including Warden's salary,...	763 10
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	\$1681 88
Inventory for 1861,.....	1069 25
Received from County for paupers,.....	130 78
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	\$1200 03
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	\$481 85
Abatement of taxes, 1856,.....	\$3 00
“ “ 1858,.....	9 61
“ “ 1859,.....	34 98
“ “ 1860,.....	62 14
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	\$109 73
Out-standing taxes for 1857,.....	\$15 15
“ “ 1858,.....	22 46
“ “ 1859,.....	201 36
“ “ 1860,.....	351 96
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	\$590 93

Incidental Expenses.

Paid J. F. Daniel & Son, per order W. J. Fortier,...	\$50 00
James S. Morrison, for damages,.....	62 50
Teachers' Institute,.....	24 00

George H. Danforth, for damage to horse,.....	15 00
Austin F. Pike, for damage to wagon,.....	5 00
W. T. Savage, Supt. School Committee,.....	26 50
A. H. Martin, " " "	22 40
E. S. Towle, interest on Abigail Walker note up to April 1, 1860,.....	155 94
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	\$361 34

Outstanding Notes.

Noah M. Proctor,.....	\$500-00	1075
Polly M. Eaton,.....	250 00	
Eben Morrison, for B. F. Eastman,.....	810 00	
B. F. Eastman,.....	225 00	
A. Farley,.....	1000 00	
Abigail B. Walker,.....	1200 00	
H. P. Eaton,.....	400 00	
Interest estimated,.....	1192 00	15122
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	\$5577 00	4786.72
Outstanding school money, District No. 3,.....	\$100 00	

RECAPITULATION.

The amount received of the Treasurer,.....	\$7004 68
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Paid outstanding claims,.....	\$162 17
Town expenses,.....	572 24
Roads and bridges,.....	745 08
External poor,.....	251 34
State tax,.....	424 20
County tax,.....	1183 04
County paupers,.....	84 62
School money,.....	1647 59
Repairs on town house,.....	175 50
Town Farm,.....	763 10
Incidental expense,.....	205 40
Abatements for 1856,.....	3 00
" 1858,.....	9 61
" 1859,.....	34 98
" 1860,.....	62 14

Outstanding taxes, 1857,.....	\$15 15
“ “ 1858,.....	22 46
“ “ 1859,.....	201 36
“ “ 1860,.....	351 96
Non-resident highway receipts,.....	5 74
Paid Auditors,.....	3 00
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In the hands of Treasurer,.....	\$81 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. JEWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
STEPHEN GERRISH,		of
WALLACE BURLEIGH,		<i>Franklin.</i>

The Auditors of Accounts for the year ending March 6, 1861, for the town of Franklin, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN KENRICK,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN W. SWEATT,	
THOMAS RYAN,	

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Liquors.

The amount of liquor and casks on hand, Feb. 18, 1860,	\$169 98
Amount received June 23, liquor returned,..	\$115 06
Paid agent for services to date,.....	7 00
Received for casks sold,.....	20 00
Cash of M. M. Burbank, agent,.....	52 60
	<hr/> 194 66
Profits for the town,.....	<hr/> \$24 68

Inmates at Alms House, and ages, March 5, 1861.

Polly Quimby,.....	68	Hattie Jackson,.....	4
Sally Clark,.....	65	Hannah Whitecher,.....	
Rosina Sanborn,.....	46	Moses Jackson,.....	65
Rebecca Jackson,.....	48	John P. Clark,.....	64
Mary E. Jackson,.....	13	Frank P. Jackson,.....	8
Adelia Jackson,.....	5		

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee, in rendering their report for the year ending March, 1861, would state, that the whole number of scholars, four years of age, who have attended the public schools two weeks or more is 425 ; 205 males, and 220 females. The average attendance was 252.

The sum raised by tax for schools for the year is \$1400. The appropriation from the Literary fund was \$133 20, and that made from the Railroad tax was \$113 32 ; making in all \$1646 52 appropriated for the support of schools the past year. Besides this, somewhere near \$700, have been paid by our citizens for tuition in the academy, and a still greater sum for educational purposes in colleges and seminaries abroad.

In the division of labors in committee, Mr. Martin has had charge of Districts, No. 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 ; and Mr. Savage of Districts No. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. No. 3 was supervised in common, and No. 10 by a committee chosen by the District. We present the following detailed exhibit :—

DISTRICT NO. 1. School house of good proportions, but with uncomfortable seats, and lacking the air of culture that should characterize the district where was reared the most capacious intellect of the country.

The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss Mary Osgood. Length, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 22. This was a profitable term. The school was well taught and managed, and teacher and scholars are alike commended.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. T. V. B. Clough. Length, 12 weeks. Number of scholars 36 ; average attendance, 28. The school was well governed, and, at the final examination, gave tokens of studiousness and improvement. In reading, the classes appeared well. In mental arithmetic, there was not entire clearness in the developement of the reasoning processes ; but the school in general seems to have been profitable, and worthy of commendation. There is bright mind, in this district ; the associations of the place are elevating, and there is no reason why, with educational enterprise, others should not be reared and fitted to bless the country and the world.

DIST. NO. 2. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss Martha J. Fifield. Length, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 12 ; average attendance, 10. The school was well taught and governed. The

teacher reports : " this term has been a very pleasant one, and I think good improvement has been made in the studies pursued. Attendance was regular, except in cases of sickness ; and a good degree of interest was manifested on the part of parents and citizens." This testimony the committee are happy to believe correct.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mrs. Lutia A. Shaw. Length, 14 weeks. Number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 16. The teacher was faithful, energetic and experienced, and the school was entirely successful. We highly commend it.

DIST. NO. 3. Primary Department. This school was kept, in *Summer*, by Miss Caroline Hancock. Length, 16 weeks. Number of scholars, 58 ; average attendance, 44.

This large and difficult charge was faithfully managed by Miss Hancock, and with her usual ability and success. The committee, on the occasion of her retirement from public instruction to the more restricted sphere of private life, would present to her the expression of their kind regard, and the hope that her future days may be useful like the past, and crowned with blessings.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Miss Harrietta A. Pike. Length, 20 weeks. Number of scholars, 44 ; average attendance, 30. This school, both in government and instruction, was well and efficiently managed. Somewhat less help afforded the scholars in the department of reading, the committee think, would throw them more fully on their own efforts and make them more self-reliant. We have to speak only in terms of high satisfaction of this profitable school.

Advanced Department. The *Summer Term* of 16 weeks was kept by Miss M. E. Marston. Number of scholars, 38 ; average attendance, $27\frac{1}{2}$. Miss M. we regard a capable and faithful teacher, and the progress of the scholars was satisfactory. This department of the school, in its summer term, needs greater attention from the parents and citizens of the district, that it may secure its full measure of prosperity and profit.

The *Winter Term*, of 20 weeks, was kept by Mr. Galen Allen. Number of scholars, 53 ; average attendance, 38. This school was decidedly successful and, at the closing examination, the classes appeared to great advantage. It gives us pleasure to testify to Mr. A.'s ability and faithfulness, exhibited in this important school. That, of the 53 scholars in attendance at the school, there should be secured an average attendance of only 38, and that there should have been in an addition to this, 275 cases of tardiness, reveals a great defect in the home influence of the district.

DIST. NO. 4. The *Summer and Winter Terms* were kept by Miss Betsey Simonds. Length of summer term, 11 weeks; of winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10. Miss Simonds taught this school in her usual easy way, without ostentation or affectation; appeared interested in her school; and your committee thinks she faithfully performed the duties of a teacher. It was apparent at the examination that the scholars had advanced well in their studies.

DIST. NO. 5. The *Summer Term* was taught by Miss Fannie L. Morrill. Length, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9. The school appeared very well at the opening. Your committee did not visit it at its close, not having been notified of the time. In point of government and progress, it would perhaps compare favorably with other schools in the town. No complaint was made to the committee.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. Elmer French. Length, 14 weeks. Number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 11. The teacher has gained the esteem of both parents and scholars, by his faithfulness and kindness. In some of the branches of study there was made marked progress. A neat, pleasant house, faithful teacher and studious scholars, made this a profitable school.

DIST. NO. 6. This school was taught 6 weeks in summer, and 11 week in winter, by Miss Ellen M. Morrison. Number of scholars in summer, 7; in winter, 11. Average attendance, summer and winter, 6. The teacher was well qualified, and faithful, and the progress as much as could be expected in the case. Miss M. well deserves a wider sphere in the work of instruction.

DIST. NO. 7. The school here consists of three scholars and has only one term in the year. It commences Feb. 18th, and is expected to keep 5 weeks. The teacher is Miss Nancy A. Morrill. She seems to be qualified for her charge and we anticipate will find success.

DIST. NO. 8. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss Nancy G. Thompson. Length, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14 1-2. The school was well and faithfully conducted, and, in the judgement of the committee, was profitable to the scholars.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. O. J. Hancock. Length, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10. This first school of Mr. H. was faithfully kept, with sincere effort for the welfare of the school; the results were doubtless beneficial to the scholars. With increased years and energy, he may hope for success and usefulness in the work of instruction.

DIST. No. 9. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss Abby M. Daniels. Length, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 23 ; average attendance, 22. The school appeared well both at the opening and at the close. Order in the school, generally good. Whether there was any partiality shown in the treatment of different scholars, your committee cannot positively state, as nothing of this appeared on examination days. Sorry that any should entertain such feelings. The school did well, on the whole, and the committee accords to the teacher his testimonial of approval. It is better usually to find teachers for our schools out of the districts, than to employ those in the district ; as jealousies are apt to arise among scholars when this is done.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Miss Clara A. Clisby. Length, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 19. This was a successful term. She was an energetic, ambitious teacher. Good order and quietness prevailed. She was thorough in her instructions, making or trying to make all lucid to the scholars mind. The teacher and the scholar gave good satisfaction to the committee. Fortunate will be that school that secures the services of this young teacher.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN DISTRICT No. 10.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* of 17 weeks, was taught for the first thirteen weeks by Miss Martha R. Goodwin, under whose instruction the school has been successfully taught for several terms. The success of this term was somewhat impeded by prevalent and continued sickness among the pupils throughout the continuance of the term. The last four weeks was taught by Miss Francis E. Woodford.

The *Winter Term* of 14 weeks was also taught by Miss Francis E. Woodford. Her task has been faithfully performed, and the school under her judicious management, has fully maintained its former high reputation. Average attendance, summer term, 37 ; winter term, 38 1-2.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* of this department was taught by Miss Diana Foss. Length of term, 17 weeks ; average attendance, 26 12. The interest manifest in this school was not altogether what we would desire. The school was unusually small, and the scholars made reasonable advancement.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. Joseph G. Ayer. Length of term, 14 weeks ; average attendance, 35. We regard Mr. Ayer as a successful teacher. His management was mild and persuasive, and order excellent. The interest among the pupils increased to the close of the term, and a manifest advance was visible in all departments of the school.

The Committee appropriated at the commencement of the winter term, a small sum for prizes to be distributed among the scholars at the close of the term according to merit, and with a good degree of success.

It is gratifying to the Committee to attest to an increasing interest among the parents in the District in the welfare of the school. They would still urge upon parents the importance of heartily co-operating with their teachers in the training and culture of their children, manifesting their sympathy by their occasional presence in the school room, thereby, encouraging both teachers and pupils in their efforts to make our schools what they ought to be. Let every parent feel that it is their imperative duty to visit their children in the school room once at least, in each term.

CHAS. GARLAND,	} <i>Superintending</i>
A. B. CROSSON,	
N. H. SANBORN,	
	} <i>School Com.</i>
	} <i>in Dist. No. 10.</i>

DIST. No. 11. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss H. A. R. Simonds. Length, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10. This was a very quiet, orderly, loving school. The teacher seemed to rule by love. It was an exceedingly quiet room. Perhaps quite enough attention was paid to the higher branches of study, to the apparently slight neglect of the lower branches. Your Committee think however, that there was no intended neglect. It was an inadvertency of the teacher. It was all things considered, a good and profitable term.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Miss Clara L. Gerrish. Length 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8. This was Miss Gerrish's first effort at teaching, but she succeeded well as could be expected, considering her inexperience and that she taught in her own district, and instructed those who had been scholars with her previously. Those who went to learn *did* learn, and those who went to criticise and find fault succeeded admirably. The school showed a good opening, and, but for the prejudice of a few, would have gone on harmoniously and profitably. But so it is, that "one sinner destroyeth much good." No doubt the teacher would have given better satisfaction elsewhere. However, the school was not unprofitable.

DIST. No. 12. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss Emma M. Gile. Length, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8. This was a pleasant, orderly little school; at least, so it appeared to the Committee; the teacher was interested, the scholars studious. Considering that this was her first school, she did well. This District lies part in Northfield and part in Franklin. Franklin furnished only two scholars. Your Committee not being notified of the winter term, it was not visited by him.

In view of the statements now submitted, the Committee believe that the schools, the past year, have not fallen below the level of attainment previously reached. They have been as successful as, under present circumstances, we could reasonably expect. They need the stimulating influences of a public high school, to which the scholars, from all parts of the town should have entrance, without expense, on their attaining the requisite qualifications. Such high school, excluding the lower branches, should carry forward their education, farther even than is generally practicable in the Academy, at the present time. The effect would be, that the primary schools, having only the primary branches to teach, would be better classified, and the instruction be much more thorough; while the scholars would become eager to press on in order to reach the high school, where the advanced studies would be pursued with but few classes, and with greater success. This seems to us to be the next important step to be taken to advance the culture of the children, to elevate our communities, and to give us position and power in the sisterhood of towns, in our commonwealth. We commend this view to the consideration of all our fellow citizens.

Respectfully submitted :

WM. T. SAVAGE, } S. S. School Committee
A. H. MARTIN, } of Franklin.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	No. Scholars in each Dist.	Apportionment to each Dist.	Proportion to each Scholar.	Whole amount of School Money for the year.
1	41	\$167.06	\$4.07	
2	24	105.15	4.38	
3	127	443.61	3.49	
4	14	84.12	6.01	
5	21	106.93	5.09	
6	15	71.96	4.79	
7	3	21.77	7.26	
8	19	68.73	3.62	
9	29	73.79	2.54	
10	108	410.00	3.80	
11	16	56.29	3.52	
12	8	38.67	4.76	
	425	\$1647.59	\$3.87	
				\$1400 00 Literary Fund..... 133 20 Railroad tax appro- priated to schools, 112 28
				\$1646 52

LIST OF BOOKS AUTHORIZED TO BE USED IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF FRANKLIN.—For Reading, Town and Holbrook's Progressive Series; Spelling, Town's Progressive Speller; Arithmetic, Emerson's First Part, Colburn's First Lessons, Adams' Revised; Geography, Mitchell's Primary, Smith's Geography and Atlas; Grammar, Weld's Grammar and Parsing Book; History, Goodrich's History of the United States; Physiology, Cutter's.

N.B. In District No. 10 Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics has been adopted in place of Adams' and Colburn's First Lessons.